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A prima facie case of unpatentability is established when the information compels a conclusion that a claim is unpatentable under the preponderance of evidence, burden-of-proof standard, giving each term in the claim its broadest reasonable construction consistent with the specification, and before any consideration is given to evidence which may be submitted in an attempt to establish a contrary conclusion of patentability.

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 - (2) Each attorney or agent who prepares or prosecutes the application; and
 - (3) Every other person who is substantively involved in the preparation or prosecution of the application and who is associated with the inventor, with the assignee or with anyone to whom there is an obligation to assign the application.
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**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR
 DESIGN
 PATENT APPLICATION
 (37 CFR 1.63)**

☐ Declaration Submitted With Initial Filing OR ☒ Declaration Submitted after Initial Filing (surcharge (37 CFR 1.16 (e)) required)

Attorney Docket Number 151P08970/S02
 First Named Inventor Kasl, et al.
 COMPLETE IF KNOWN
 Application Number 10/772,944
 Filing Date 02/05/2004
 Art Unit 3766
 Examiner Name Carl Hernandez Lagina

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(Title of the Invention)

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☐ Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto.

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The specification of which

- a. ☐ is attached hereto
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